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Block Quotes

Wednesday, June 27, 2007

-- Liberal Dr. Shamlan Al-Issa inquired in conservative Arabic daily Al-Watan under the title "Fundamentalism and Moderate States" (06/27):

"Apparently, radical Islamic fundamentalism has gained a secure foothold in the Arab World. In Iraq, a civil war continues to rage between Shiite and Sunni militias. To make matters worse, the American coalition forces have armed Iraqi tribes. Tribal leaders' allegiances are ever-changing and will usually go to the highest bidder. More importantly, who can guarantee that the tribes will ever disarm?"

-- Liberal Islamist/critic of the U.S. policies Dr. Abdulla Al-Shayji editorialized in moderate Arabic daily Al-Wasat under the title "From the Lebanonization of Iraq to the Iraqinization of Lebanon" (06/27):

"At the outset of the war in Iraq there were fears of the 'Afghanistanization' of Iraq. Later, the term 'Lebanization' of Iraq was used. Sadly, the Lebanese today along with all Arabs are afraid of the 'Iraqinization' of Lebanon. This view is evidence of the painful and bloody reality that faces us today."

-- Under the title "'Iranian Persianism': Hostility or Islamic Identity" Walid Bou Rabaa' penned in conservative Arabic daily Al-Watan (06/27):

"The Egyptian Foreign Minister was right when he said that Iranian policies threaten Egyptian and Arab national security. This is especially true of Iran's controversial nuclear program and its defiance of international law by continuing dangerous enrichment of uranium."

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